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## Free Press.

SAN MARCOS, TEXAS.

THURSDAY MAY 19, 1887.

### HOME NEWS.

#### ARRIVAL OF PASSENGER TRAINS.

TRAINS PASS SAN MARCOS AS FOLLOWS:  
MAIL MAIL  
Going South: 7:55 A. M. and 8:10 P. M.  
Going North: 9:55 A. M. and 6:40 P. M.

Ice cream at Candy Factory.

Ladies sailor hats at J. S. Killian's.

Candy 25 cts at Candy Factory.

Short clear bacon 11c lb J. A. Mortt.

Fine shoes a specialty J. S. Killian's.

Sweet apple cider, from Kentucky, at McAllister's.

Good hams 12 1/2 lb. J. M. Mortt.

Boys straw hats for 10 cts., at J. S. Killian's.

Delicious bottled soda water constantly on ice at the LITTLE RED FRONT.

Best molasses for the money in San Marcos. J. A. Mortt.

For ice cold soda water and lemonade go to the LITTLE RED FRONT.

Eppe breakfast cocoa at city prices. J. A. Mortt.

Geo. W. Knight, Jeweler, east side the Plaza, San Marcos.

Fresh graham flour 75 per sack, fresh rye flour 75 per sack. J. A. Mortt.

A good lot of corn expected at H. Hardy & Co's.

California new potatoes and onions, always fresh at J. A. Mortt's.

Our line of shoes and slippers will be found very full and complete. J. S. Killian's.

Evaporated apples and full assortment of dried fruits at bottom prices for cash. J. A. Mortt.

J. S. Killian is still receiving additions to his stock. There are no vacant spaces on his shelving.

I am agent for the best self-closing gate in the market, and invite parties interested to examine the same. Wm. Giesken.

McAllister is still to be found at the old stand, with a good stock of choice groceries. Goods delivered in the city.

Fine selection of groceries, candies, tobacco and cigars, at R. E. Welch's, near railroad depot, San Marcos.

New supply California Bartlett pears, apricots, peaches and other fruits, 25 cts per can. J. A. Mortt.

A nice stock of everything in the grocery line, sold as cheap as anyone for spot cash. We will not be undersold. H. Hardy & Co.

Copple is still in the field with a fine assortment of groceries, tropical and canned fruits, etc. His famous sweet cider still on tap.

A common but very pleasant residence, convenient to retired, cool and slightly elevated on reasonable terms to a prompt paying tenant. Apply at Press Pass office.

We guarantee our steel beam, steel wheel

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and sell them at \$35.00 each.  
G. W. DONALSON & Co's.

HOES,  
Double shovels,  
Sweepers and stocks,  
Cultivators,  
AT G. W. DONALSON & CO'S.  
Hardware Store.

For Sale.

A few of Mrs. Demorest's First Premium Charts for Dress Cutting. Inquire at Press Pass office.

For Sale.

My residence in San Marcos, consisting of two large lots with improvements. The whole will be sold together, or the lots separately, to suit purchasers. Call on or address I. C. Wootton, San Marcos.

For

Fresh dried pears,  
Sliced apples,  
Evaporated apples,  
Choice hams,  
Breakfast bacon,  
Red Onions,  
Lemons,  
go to  
H. Hardy & Co's.

The citizens of San Marcos and surrounding country are invited to call and make the acquaintance of the St. Leonard Hotel, when they have business in San Antonio. No where in Texas can more comfortable, better fare, or more home comfort be found, for \$1.50 and \$2.00 per day. We have tried it and advise others to do the same.

Insure your property with W. C. Dugger, he represents eight of the best Fire Companies in the U. S. and will give you better rates than anybody else.

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# J. S. KILLIAN, The Leading Dry Goods Dealer,

SAN MARCOS, TEXAS.

Strictly Cash.

### Bills! Bills!

We send out this week, included in the papers of such of our subscribers as owe us, and who have good reason to believe can pay without inconvenience, bills for the respective accounts which are due. We respectfully solicit prompt responses in the way of remittances, knowing that, as sensible persons, said subscribers cannot fail to realize that, however hard the times, a newspaper, with all its attendant necessary expenses, must still come out regularly, or stop altogether. We would further request that if any who are receiving the paper do not desire to continue it, they will be frank enough to advise us of the fact—not forgetting to pay up past dues. While we do not enforce advance payments strictly, we never knowingly send the paper where it is not wanted.

On to Lockhart.

Carry the news to Kyle.

No more Rogers interviews.

Since he lost the tax list bill is hot at Squire Cook for being a prohibitionist. If he had got the list he would probably have "sing small" himself as an anti.

The Cresset anticipates for the meeting next Saturday "the same dignified deportment that has characterized all the gatherings of the anti-prohibitionists." (!)

It is worthy of remark that the tax list Squire Cook had failed to give it the tax list for publication did the Cresset discover the illegality of his holding his present different positions. A truly public spirited journal.

Now everybody knows Sheriff Cook did a palpable wrong in giving the publication of the delinquent tax list to the Press Pass office under the Commissioners' court had awarded the county printing to the Cresset.

So says the Cresset, and thereby condemns Sheriff Barber for giving it the tax list last year, while we had the county printing. We never blamed him for anything but not giving it to the paper having the largest circulation.

TO THE KYLE TIMES, ETC.—While we have done a good deal of editorial sharp-shooting in our time in tournaments with our brethren of the quill, and are free to confess that we have been perhaps too much inclined that way, we can say of a truth that we have carried no personal malice into any of them. If we have failed to "hold our own" in any of these contests, we have never sought to "get even" by making malignant and baseless insinuations against the private character of an antagonist. We invoke for all a better temper and more Christian spirit.

AT RENO!  
The "cruel lashings" of Squire Cook by the Press Pass at any time, spoken of by the Cresset, are purely imaginary. He and we never differed but once, and that merely on a question of public policy, and that difference never disturbed our friendly personal relations. But how is it with the man of the Cresset? What shall be said or thought of a young dandified editor, coming among us as it were only yesterday, and assuming to stigmatize as he has done all and honored citizen of Texas who was doing good service long before said editor was born? We ask our old time settlers, what do you think of it, and how do you like it?

The annual examination in the San Marcos City Public School will begin Monday, May 23.

Monday morning.—Latin and geometry in A grade.  
Tuesday morning, May 24.—Physical geography and rhetoric in B grade. Dictation exercises in reading and spelling in D and E grades.

Wednesday morning, May 25.—Algebra and arithmetic in A and B grades, geography and English grammar in D and E grades.

Thursday, May 26.—History, geography and dictation exercises in reading and spelling in C grade; arithmetic and history in D and E grades; reading, numbers, object lessons, and dictation exercises in the Primary grades.

Friday, 27.—English grammar and rhetoric in A and B grades; select readings, composition, declamations and oral reviews. The public is respectfully invited.

The peculiar purifying and building up powers of Hood's Sarsaparilla make it the very best medicine to take at this season.

New arrival of millinery goods at J. S. Killian's.

Prohibition may prohibit but you can't prohibit us from selling you a good cornet for 25 cts., Dailey & Bro.

New Invoice of Mens and Boys Straw hats at J. S. Killian's.

Prohibition may prohibit the sale of whiskey but no one can prohibit us from selling dress goods fancy goods other goods cheaper than the cheapest. Dailey & Bro.

Prohibition for the millions Miners and miners at J. S. Killian's.

Prohibition will prohibit but that will not prohibit us from selling you best oil cloth at 25 cts., Dailey & Bro.

You can find anything you want in dry goods, clothing, etc., at J. S. Killian's.

The ladies should bear in mind that J. S. Killian has a full line of millinery goods.

### That Printing Job.

After tacitly "confessing the corn" as to our showing up the double allowance made him for printing the ordinances, the Cresset man, after two months delay, at last makes a feeble effort to raise a dust to obscure the facts. For this purpose he adduces letters from the San Antonio Express and Times offices in answer to inquiries which he addressed them, and evidently on his own version of the case, which seem partially to sustain him. Of course opinions thus formed and given amount to nothing, when opposed to the facts we have given, and to the further fact which we now state, that Mr. W. D. Ward, a good practical printer, then on the ground, and well posted as to the matter, assured us that he proposed to do the job—which he estimated at 75 pages, supposing, as any sensible man would that it was intended to comprise the ordinances complete—for \$65. The facts remain that Hull did the job without authority from the Mayor or Council; both Mayor Giesken and Councilman Donelson so informed us; that he only printed the original part of the ordinances—about one-half the job; and that he was allowed \$100 for printing 30 pages of ordinances and transferring the same forms to his paper, while Ward proposed to print 75 pages for \$65. He only withdrew his bid, as he informed us, because he saw that he could not get a fair deal.

Finally, (not to consume space unnecessarily on this subject), if it was not intended to favor Hull in this matter, why were not bills allowed, as expressly provided by the ordinances? That would have effectually settled the question as to how low the work could have been profitably done. The following is the ordinance which was deliberately disregarded and set at defiance by the Council and committee on printing in the interest of the Cresset:

"Contracts for the printing of the town shall be awarded by the Mayor and Printing Committee, under authority of the Town Council, to the lowest and best responsible bidder, after advertisement for sealed proposals, as in case of other contracts."

We went to Kyle "on purpose" on Monday. We had not stopped off there before for several years. This will illustrate the closeness with which we attend to our duties at our office.

We found our sister village quiet, but smiling and hopeful since the rains. Crops by the way looked quite promising.

We met our friends, Col. Hay, Mr. Whisenant, Squire Vaughn, Col. Sledge, Mr. Glascock, and various other acquaintances.

We called on Mr. Eli Baker, a good man and appreciative friend of the Press Pass. We regretted to learn of the continued ill-health of his wife.

Among the improvements since our last visit, we noticed the new Methodist church, and the large rock building of Denny Bros., and Whisenant, now in progress.

The most interesting point we found was the presence of a car on a side track which had brought Col. Huntington, of railroad fame, to see his relatives on the Blanco.

Mr. Yarrington, his brother-in-law, it was stated, had brought in a conveyance for him.

P. S. The visitor proved to be not Mr. Huntington but his brother-in-law.

The closing exercises of Kyle Seminary will come off on to-morrow (Friday).

We stopped at the Kentucky Hotel, conducted by Mrs. Johnson, a wide awake and capable lady. Her house will compare favorably with more pretentious ones.

We met there Miss Summe, a lady heretofore mentioned in our local columns. She has been spending some months at Kyle for the benefit of her health. Having some leisure, and being a thoughtful, educated lady, she has prepared a lecture on the engrossing topic, Labor and Capital, the greater part of which we heard read, and found to be a well-considered and meritorious production. She would respond to any calls to deliver the lecture before branches of the Farmers' Alliance or the general public, at a compensation suited to the hard times.

We doubt not her hearers would be pleased and edified. She may be addressed for some time yet at Kyle.

Returning to the hotel in the evening we happened to find the hotel there but Elder Blanks, the preacher, whose fine delivery of a sermon in San Marcos we noticed in our last. But out of the pulpit he appeared considerably different—lively and rollicking—in fact "one of the boys."

The landlady expressed her astonishment when we spoke to him about preaching, protested she would never have suspected him of being a preacher, and they exchanged some lively remarks on the subject. He stated that incidentally on his preaching tour he was engaged in writing up life insurance policies, and made it pay well. After supper, the company having adjourned to the front room which is a grocery store, the landlady asked the elder how much he weighed, and insisted on his testing the matter on the platform scales. He said he knew his weight to be 150, but she insisted, the test was made and it was found to be 150. (He was on route home from Lockhart, where it is presumed they feed well.) The lady then challenged him to "guess" her weight. He said he could not guess a woman's weight, particularly in a Mother Hubbard, but finally ventured to guess 150. The laugh was on the elder when she took her place on the scales and it was found that she weighed 150. He said he was more than ever convinced that women were deceptive creatures, and that it was not safe to judge them by appearances.

For a fashionable hat, either lady or gentleman go to J. S. Killian's.

### PERSONAL.

The favor of "Queen Sabu" will appear in our next.

Misses Baker and Lotspeich are now with J. S. Killian.

Dr. Ford Burleson we learn is seriously ill with fever.

Rev. D. A. Porter, of Kyle, was in town on business Monday.

Ed. Mackin, the "boss" contractor, made a flying trip to Austin Monday.

Mr. Geo. Hutchins, of Austin, is again enjoying rural life in San Marcos.

Miss Mamie Bateman, of Austin, visited her sister, Mrs. E. S. Mackin, last week.

The article on our Council and Water Co., is from the pen of one of our foremost citizens.

Prof. Von Brun, the music teacher, is in luck, having come into a small fortune in Germany.

Ward Malone, the enterprising young lawyer, has papered and painted his office in handsome style.

Miss Lena Devery, daughter of Rev. Mr. Beverly, visited relatives and friends in Round Rock last week.

Ed. Christian, Jr., of the lumber yard, now smiles upon his friends and business acquaintances from his new office, at the main yard.

We had the pleasure of meeting on yesterday Mr. Griffin, merchant, of Stapleford. He reports a strong prohibition sentiment in that vicinity.

Mr. J. T. Scott writes us from Hearne that there are fine crop prospects in the Brazos bottom, which are worked mostly by negro convicts. There are eight farms within five miles of Hearne which each work from 50 to 125 of these men.

Mackin has a contract to build a spacious barn for Mr. Warnken on the Blanco. He has also entered into co-partnership with Mr. Forsyth in the lease operation of the old McGee brick yard down the river, and they will soon be able to supply all demands.

Lawyer Ford, one of our neighbors in the Wood building, talked and we hear voted last fall for Dehoney, but is now one of the good many of his acquaintances are naturally wondering what "new light" would have so suddenly dawned on his mind.

Hon. Geo. McGeehe planted some 300 acres in oats, which of course did not come up till after the late rains, on land on which sorghum was grown last year. Previous to the appearance of the oats Mr. McGeehe planted cotton on a portion of the ground, but now he has a fine stand of oats, sorghum and cotton mixed.

It has been suggested to us that we tender an invitation to Rev. Col. Rogers to be present on Tuesday at the breaking ground on the San Marcos, Lockhart & Smithville road, which we accordingly hereby do. We are told he is an eloquent speaker, and we should be pleased to hear from him on no inspiring a theme.

The party of ladies and gentlemen who visited San Marcos last Thursday report a good time, and that not one of the ladies fell in the river.—Lockhart Register.

Appropos of the above it is indeed remarkable that as yet, among the scores of visitors there has been no belloye no case of loss of life by drowning in the San Marcos river springs, though numbers of the sterner sex have received sundry good "duckings." We feel that we ought to remark that too great care cannot be exercised by tourists, for in case a boat-load of them should capsize, there would be but little chance of escape in its labyrinthine depths of tangled vegetation—even a good swimmer would find the situation perilous in the extreme in some portions of the springs.

The reference in the letter we recently published from the Washington, Ind., Gazette, to the head of our river as an attractive place to commit suicide, is rather sensational, though not unnatural. If suicide with the assurance of never being found out were desired, it would be still more attractive. Those weired watery abysses with their labyrinth of aquatic grasses 30 feet in length, vines, flowers, etc., would keep such a secret beyond all finding out.

The following is the programme of the visiting Knights Templars to-day:  
Arrive at San Marcos, Texas, at 9:55 a. m. Colorado Commandery, No. 4, and visiting Sir Knights, in full dress, will fall in line at the railroad station, and march to the Chautauque Grounds.

All available carriages and conveyance at San Marcos have been engaged for the free conveyance of ladies and children and provision baskets to the ground.

Commandery drill from 10 to 10:45 a. m. Religious services will begin at 11 a. m. Dinner at 1 p. m. Leave for Austin, at 4:15 p. m.

"Ten nights in a Bar-room." This popular and well known Temperance drama will be presented by the San Marcos Benevolent Association at Harper's Hall, Friday May 27th 1887. Seventy-five per cent of the net proceeds to be given to the destitute in and around San Marcos. Reserved seats will be on sale at Reynolds and Daniel's Drug Store after Monday 23rd. Price 75 cents, general admission 50 cents.

Don't forget the meeting of our prohibition club on Friday night. The star-chasers will consist of short speeches, recitations and last but not least, good music, for which Mr. Chas. Hutchings has secured some of our best musical talent. Come out.

See the advertisement of Pegues & Co., of the sale of their entire stock, and the unrivalled chances for bargains which are to follow.

J. S. Killian, the best dry goods merchant.

### Coronal Notes.

BY "LAD."

"Great is Diana of the Ephesians! But oh! how slim my pocket book!"  
Mr. Danforth visited us Monday.

We are sorry to say that our little friend, Charley Woodward is soon to leave us on account of ill health.

Honor bright, are you glad or sorry June is coming?

Coronal lost a "good and faithful" student when Collie Appleby left. However, he promises to return for commencement.

We have for several days missed from school two of our brightest scholars, Misses Lillie Ragdale and Jennie Norcraft.

"And still the good work goes on," that is, prize speakers drill themselves hoarse each day.

Rudolph De Steiger created quite a sensation among the boys Tuesday by appearing at dinner in a white sunbonnet.

Tuesday morning Prof. Joe displayed his "choice selections" to the wondering gaze of the Geology class.

There was a musical contest Monday to try and see who would play instrumental solos for June, Miss Alice Blackaller and Claude Hamilton are the chosen ones.

Prof. Spillman returned from Conference Monday. We are glad to see him back, but what a good rest we had in Latin while he was away.

"Le jour de gloire est arrive," to those members of the Trigonometry class who came through the examination with flying colors.

With what fear and trembling do we now each day enter the school room to participate in Chapel service! How expectantly we wait for the all wise Profs. and Professresses who sit in judgement of the seniors to tell the words that will seal our doom for "glory or despair." Only too well we know, will be your despair.

J. S. Killian leads the field in the dry goods line.

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Earl & Wilson Collars at \$2.00 per dozen, Collars \$3.50.

Seersucker Coats and Vests from \$1.12 1/2 to \$1.25.

Linen Collars from 8 1/2 to 12 1/2 each.

Jeans Pants from 65c to \$1.20 each.

Only four more New Home Machines on

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